

SENATE BILL 1784

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to the Tennessee state library coordinator.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The commissioner of education shall employ within the department a certified
school librarian to serve as the Tennessee state library coordinator.

(b) The Tennessee state library coordinator shall:

(1) Assist school librarians in implementing the department's strategic
plan and student literacy and digital citizenship initiatives;

(2) Consult, guide, and train school librarians to strengthen school library
programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12);

(3) Address inequities in the staffing of school libraries and report to the
commissioner when additional resources are needed;

(4) Provide input on revisions to the school librarian evaluation model;

(5) Work with the state library and archives to provide school libraries
with equal access to high-quality educational reading materials and resources;

(6) Support the department's work by promoting best practices among
school librarians and technology coordinators; and

(7) Develop and promote strategies for school librarians to partner with
classroom instructors to support school and district-level instructional programs.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.